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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 421
By Walker

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Brent Reed, 2001
Valedictorian of Rhea County High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brent Reed is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Rhea County High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Brent has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of elite students in our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 99.7143 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Brent Reed's persistence and hard work have earned him the following honors: listing in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the German Award, the Media Design Award, *Chattanooga Free Press* All-Academic Athlete, UT-Knoxville Scholastic

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Invitational, Summit Technology Conference Nomination, Superior Rating in Piano Entertainment, All-District for Varsity Basketball, Duke Talent Identification Program, Drawing Award for the Congressional Art Exhibit, 2nd place in Editorial Cartoon at the University Tennessee-Knoxville School of Journalism Competition, Whittle Scholarship Finalist, and the Andy Holt Alumni Scholarship at UTK; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man, at the Roane State Academic Festival, received the Web Design Award his Junior Year and the Web Design and Computer Art Award his Senior Year; and

WHEREAS, Brent Reed has been a valuable member of many school clubs and programs, including serving as the Student Council President, Art Editor for the School newspaper, Toss-up/Quiz Bowl Team Captain, and as a member of the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and the Art Club; and

WHEREAS, Brent has demonstrated remarkable athletic ability as a talented member of the Varsity Basketball Team and Varsity Track Team; and

WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual, he enjoys drawing, sculpture, web design, graphic design, writing and composing music, performing in a local rock band, basketball, and mascot and T-shirt design; he is also a valuable member of the Dayton Church of Christ Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Rhea County High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Brent Reed's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Calvin and Patricia Reed, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Rhea County High School Valedictorian, Brent Reed, on his impressive academic, athletic, and artistic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.